the year equipment and drugs for the use of five maternity and child welfare centres. During the year under report, a quantity of 100,000 lbs. of milk powder was received from the U.N.I.C E.F. for distribution in the famine stricken areas. Five officers were deputed abroad during the year. Several distinguished visitors looked into the working of the Department.

The work of the Department was satisfactory.

G. N. NAGARAJA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Home and Revenue Departments.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Issues certain instructions regarding the application of "Next Below" Rule in the regulation of promotions and secondings of Government Servants in the State.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. FL. (B) 10045-134—C.R. 1-52-20, DATED BANGALORE, THE 28TH NOVEMBER 1952.

The practice at present in vogue in respect of promotions and secondings of Government servants in the State is that all the Government servants serving outside the ordinary line are promoted and seconded consequent on the appointment of a junior Government servant to a higher officiating post in the regular line. The Accountant-General, Mysore, has pointed out that the grant of higher officiating pay for no change of duties to all such Government servants outside the ordinary line would not be in order and has suggested that the principles of the "Next Below" Rule as applied by the Government of India to their officers might be adopted by Government in the matter of promotions and secondings of Government servants in the State. The Government accept the suggestion and direct that the principles of the "Next Below" Rule—enunciated below—should be followed in the matter of promotions and secondings of Government servants in the State.

2. When a person in a post (whether within the cadre of his service or not) is for any reason prevented from officiating in his turn in a post on a higher scale or grade borne on the cadre of the service to which he belongs, he may be authorised by special order of the appropriate authority *pro forma* officiating promotion into such scale or grade and thereupon be granted the pay of that scale or grade, if that be more advantageous to him, on each occasion on which the person immediately junior to him in the cadre of his service (or if that person has been passed over by reasons of inefficiency or unsuitability or because he is on leave or serving outside the ordinary line or foregoes officiating promotion of his own volition to that scale or grade, then the person next junior to him not so passed over) draws officiating salary in that scale or grade.

3. Provided that all persons senior to the person to whom the benefit under the substantive part of this rule is to be allowed are also drawing, unless they have been passed over for one or other of the reasons aforesaid, officiating salary in the said or some higher scale or grade within the cadre.

4. Provided further that *not more than one person* (either the seniormost fit person in a series of adjacent persons outside the ordinary line, or if such a person either foregoes the benefit of his own volition or does not require the benefit in virtue of his holding a post outside the ordinary line which secures him at least equivalent benefits in respect of salary and pension then the next below in the series) may be authorised to draw the salary of the higher scale or grade in respect of any one officiating vacancy within the cadre filled by his junior under this rule.

5. A purely fortuitous officiating promotion given to a person who is junior to one outside the regular line does not in itself give rise to a claim under the "Next Below" Rule.

6. Promotions already made by Government in contravention of the new rule will be regularised gradually to the extent possible and all future promotions should be strictly with reference to the "Next Below" Rule.

7. The necessary amendments to Mysore Service Regulations are being issued separately.

M. SHAMANNA,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.

Issues certain instructions regarding the Contributions due to Government from Local Bodies towards the maintenance of Local Fund Dispensaries, etc.

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Letter No. 131-134—B-TM., dated the 7th July 1952, from the Accountant-General, Mysore, Bangalore, stating that the practice of his office intimating the demands to the Local Bodies for contributions payable by them towards the maintenance of Local Fund Dispensaries, Veterinary Hospitals, etc., as per clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of Article 252, Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I, will be stopped with immediate effect, and that the Heads of Departments may raise the demands direct against the Local Bodies concerned.

ORDER No. FL. (B) 11009-14—C.R. 46-52-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH DECEMBER 1952.

According to the existing practice based on clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of Article 252, Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I, the demands for the contributions payable by Local Bodies towards the maintenance of Local Fund Dispensaries, Veterinary Hospitals, etc., are being made by the Accountant-General, Mysore, on the basis of statements obtained from the Departmental Officers.

2. In future, the practice of the Accountant-General's Office intimating the demands to the Local Bodies will be discontinued, and the Heads of the concerned Departments will raise the demands direct against the Local Bodies concerned, and will also maintain suitable registers for watching the recoveries. Copies of the demand statements may be sent to the Accountant-General's Office simultaneously with the sending of the original statements to the Local Bodies.

3. Annually, statements of outstandings due from defaulting Local Bodies should be sent by Heads of Departments to the Accountant-General through the Controller, State Accounts Department, who will forward them after check. The Accountant-General will, thereupon, issue instructions to the Treasury Officers for the recovery of the balances shown in these statements by reduction of the balances of the Local Bodies concerned in their deposit amount.

4. Necessary correction slip to the Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I, will issue in due course.

M. SHAMANNA,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.

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